



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

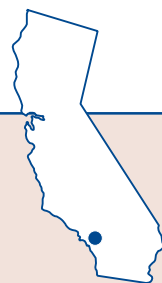
Riverside, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Riverside was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Of the city's 264,541 residents, 21,768 live in the Eastside neighborhood, where unemployment and poverty rates are several times the national average. The property houses wrecking yards, metal recycling facilities, aging industrial buildings, and abuts a low-income and minority residential area. The assessment will start the second phase of the Riverside Marketplace Redevelopment project. The project began in the 1980s and has successfully redeveloped about 85 acres of a 100-acre brownfield. Redevelopment of the property into a business park is expected to spur redevelopment of nearby parcels, generate new jobs, and increase tax revenues.



Assessment Grant

**New
2004**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Riverside for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds and petroleum grant funds will both be used to evaluate the 26 parcels in a 15.2-acre brownfields property in the city's Eastside. Funds will be used to identify the most impacted parcels for Phase I assessments, and conduct community outreach on the assessment process, including findings and conclusions.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.